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Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates falling under the guidelines for the contingency fund contained in the annex to resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987 is herewith submitted. It amounts to $3,447,000, as detailed in the annex to the present report. The amounts indicated in respect of each item correspond to those previously recommended by the Fifth Committee upon its consideration of individual statements and proposals for revised estimates.

2. The balance of the contingency fund for the biennium 1998–1999, as indicated in resolution 52/222 of 22 December 1997, is $18,754,800. The consolidated amount of $3,447,000 is within the available balance of the contingency fund. The Fifth Committee, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 42/211, may proceed to recommend to the General Assembly the appropriation of the required amounts under the relevant sections of the programme budget, as follows:

Section		*Thousands of United States dollars*
1	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	94.8
22	Human rights	52.2
27D	Support services	3 300.0
	Total	**3 447.0**

3. Should the Committee proceed as above, it should also request the General Assembly to note that a balance of $15,307,800 would remain in the contingency fund.

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Annex

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	Fifth Committee meeting	*Thousands of United States dollars*
Committee on Contributions (A/C.5/53/35)	29	94.8
Tenth progress report on the Integrated Management Information System project (A/53/573)	Xx	3 300.0
Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/C.5/53/36)	38	33.2
Committee against Torture (A/C.5/53/37)	38	19.0
Total		**3 447.0**

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Recosting of outstanding statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates

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1. In the first performance report (A/53/693), attention was drawn to the outstanding revised estimates and statements of programme budget implications for which the Fifth Committee had yet to take action. In accordance with established practice, these had not been taken into account in the recosting of the programme budget for 1998–1999. It was indicated in paragraph 8 of the Secretary-General's report that, once the Fifth Committee had approved these items at initial rates, they would be recosted within the approved costing parameters utilized in the first performance report. Accordingly, the formerly outstanding items have now been recosted, as a result of which overall requirements for relevant sections of the programme budget affected would be as follows:

Section		*Thousands of United States dollars*
1A	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	(5.5)
3	Peacekeeping operations and special missions	(182.9)
22	Human rights	(2.1)
27	Administrative services	10.8
32	Staff assessment	(15.8)
	Total	**(195.5)**

2. The Fifth Committee may wish to note this recosting and to reflect the related adjustments in the revised appropriation for the biennium 1998–1999 to be recommended to the General Assembly.

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